



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Norbert ROMA
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Examiner : Melvin Pollack
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MAIL STOP PETITION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated March 13, 2007 for the above-identified application, Applicant submits this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) to hereby petition for the reinstatement of the above-identified application, as well as entry of the attached Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is further in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

An Official Action was mailed on August 23, 2006. However, the undersigned believes that the mailed copy of the Official Action was not received by Jones Day. The undersigned attorney for Applicants did not become aware of the six-month response deadline of February 23, 2007 for filing a response to the Official Action until receiving a telephone call from Examiner Pollack on March 8, 2007, which was after the final deadline of February 23, 2007.

1. Petition Fee: The requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) of **\$1,500.00 (Fee Code 1453)** is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 503-062. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached hereto. If any further government fees not specifically authorized herein are necessary to reinstate this application, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge the deficient fees to Deposit Account 503-062.

2. Reply: An Amendment in response to the Official Action dated August 23, 2006, is attached hereto for consideration by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.


3. Terminal Disclaimer: Since this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

4. Statement: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional.

If the Commissioner should require any further information, or wish to discuss the facts or rules presented herein, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Amendment